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Geronimo!

A Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters company, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, takes the plunge into the new Combat Water Survival Training pool, located in Villaggio. Training was conducted by Sgt. 1st Class Todd Hutchings and other members of the SETAF G3 section. While the pool is used primarily for Combat Water Survival training, it will be open to the public free of charge after duty hours. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Alfred Perches, SETAF G3)

Housing support services for PCSing personnel

By Directorate of Public Works
Special to the Outlook

To accommodate the tremendous surge of outgoing and incoming personnel the post is expecting this summer, the Housing Division, Directorate of Public Works, has streamlined some procedures:

A Housing representative is now located at the Central Processing Facility, located in the Golden Lion, for the convenience of our clients.

Out-processing appointments can be made either at the Housing Office, or the CPF. Call 634-6501 or off post at 0444-71-6501.

The hours of the Housing Office and staff at the CPF are:

Monday-Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.- noon, and from 1-4 p.m.

Thursday hours are from 10 a.m.- noon and 1-6 p.m.

Assistance is summarized below for both walk-in and telephone customers:

Outgoing personnel:

(1) Process Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) claims and provide general clearing information.

(2) Schedule pre-termination briefing and final clearance

inspection for Villaggio and government-leased quarters occupants.

(3) Coordinate private rental clearance arrangements.

Incoming personnel:

(1) Process TLA claims and provide general housing information for newcomers.

(2) Process housing applications for government-controlled quarters.

(3) Schedule private rental briefing with housing contract negotiators and view private rental inventory data base, which is available only at the Housing Division office located on via Casermette.

General clearance reminders for outgoing personnel:

a. Maximum authorized TLA is three days for Villaggio and government-lease quarters, because of government quarters contract cleaning, and 10 days for private rental quarters.

b. Scheduling Housing Division appointments: Schedule personal household goods pick-up with Directorate of Logistics Transportation office **before** contacting Housing Division to schedule your: (1) pre-termination and (2) final termination appointments.

Because of the exceptionally-high summer customer traffic 30 days lead-time is advised.

c. CFMO temporary furnishings support: Appointments for delivery of temporary government furnishings can require up to two weeks lead-time.

Keep this in mind if you desire to ship your household goods early!

d. Villaggio and government-leased housing: Group (unit) pre-termination briefings are conducted at the Housing Division instead of at quarters (see para b. above).

e. Private rental: Pre-inspection of



Prior to final clearing with Housing Division, customers must turn-in their hand receipted AFN decoder to the satellite dish installation and decoder issue contractor, Mosaic, at 0444-919-726. Mosaic is located at Via Ca' Balbi 84, Vicenza. (Outlook file photo)



PCSing from Villaggio or a government-leased house? The Housing Division now holds group (unit) pre-termination briefings at the Housing Division instead of at your quarters. Because of the exceptionally high customer traffic expected the summer, a 30-day lead time is requested from outprocessing personnel. (Outlook file photo)

furnishings and appliances are no longer performed at your quarters.

Residents are given cleaning responsibility instructions when they schedule their termination appointment with a housing contract negotiator.

f. Telecom Italia telephone clearance: The Housing Telecom Italia liaison is also located at the Central Processing facility, phone 634-6327/6328, from off post at 0444-71-6327/6328.

To facilitate clearance, bring your past two months of paid Telecom bills with you. **Important** – to avoid an additional monthly charge for “fixed” telephone and/or ADSL services, Telecom Italia requires a minimum of 30 days advance notice to shut off service.

g. AFN government decoder turn-ins: Prior to final clearing with Housing Division, customers must turn-in their hand receipted AFN decoder to our satellite dish installation and decoder issue contractor, Mosaic, (0444-919-726) located at Via Ca' Balbi 84, Vicenza, close to Caserma Ederle.

Point of contact for this information release is Lewis Smith, deputy chief, Housing Division, DPW, USAG Vicenza at 634-8580, off post at 0444-71-8580 or e-mail: Lewis.Smith@setaf.army.mil.

Robinson takes command of 405th AFSB-Livorno



Lt. Col. Harvey R. Robinson (right) accepts command of the 405th Army Field Support Battalion-Livorno from Col. Xavier Lobeto, Army Field Support Brigade-European Command, during the change of command ceremony held June 27 at the 405th AFSB-Livorno headquarters. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

HHC, 173d Support Bn changes leadership



Capt. Marc J. Fleurant, the new commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d Support Battalion, passes the guidon to 1st Sgt. Tracey L. Haynie, the first sergeant for HHC, signifying his trust in the Noncommissioned Officer Corps. (Photo by Sgt. Brandon Aird, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs)

Summer Safety Tip

Beware, be safe when barbecuing

USAG Vicenza Safety Office
Press Release

In 1999 alone, gas and charcoal grills caused 1,500 structure fires and 4,200 outdoor fires in or on home properties, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$29.8 million, according to National Fire Protection Agency.

To ensure a safer time barbecuing, follow the tips below:

- ◆ When using barbecue grills on decks or patios, be sure to leave sufficient space from sidings and eaves.

- ◆ Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.

- ◆ Keep children and pets away from grills.
- ◆ With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills, and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.

- ◆ With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight, and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.

- ◆ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and, if necessary, have the grill repaired by a professional.

Command staff, DPW seeking solutions to broken air conditioners

From the Directorate of Public Works
Press Release

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and SETAF command staffs have been proactive in seeking solutions to the funding situation and its impact on fixing air conditioners. Through their diligence, the Directorate of Public Works is able to fix selected air conditioning systems on post.

A recent article in *The Outlook* regarding budget cuts mandated by Installation Management Agency headquarters made it clear that funds are limited for items that are not considered Life/Health/Safety issues.

In keeping with these budget constraints, the Directorate of Public Works is required to seek authorization prior to spending any funds. ALL requests for spending are now going through IMA-EURO to IMA headquarters in Washington. There, only the director of IMA can authorize funding of Life/Health/Safety issues.

As of June 23, the DPW has received approval from IMA to consider barracks/

housing and mission-critical air conditioning as meeting the Life/Health/Safety issue. This was a big win for the community as it has enabled the DPW to justify expending resources to fix air conditioning in these facilities.

However, not all offices or buildings are considered mission critical. DPW does not make this determination, the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and SETAF chains of command do. Anything not mission-critical is considered by IMA as 'comfort' air conditioning.

While one could make the argument that not having air conditioning is a health issue, bear in mind that air conditioning is relatively new in Italy and many homes and business do not have air conditioning.

DPW is taking action and fixing air conditioning. The work is prioritized and multiple solutions are taking shape. Contractors are assisting in our repair efforts.

If action needs to be taken, then our respective chains of command will address the issue and take appropriate action.

Community says farewell to Soldiers



Master Sgt. Steve Roberts, Sgt. Maj. Ricky Hamrick, Col. Donald Hyde, and Sgt. Maj. Willie Sims all retired as part of the quarterly retirement ceremony held at the post theater on Caserma Ederle. The Soldiers served a combined 105 years in the Army. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th ATC Photo Lab)

14 Trans Bn, HHD, receives new leader



Lt. Col. David Touzinsky (left) passes the guidon to the new commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 14th Transportation Battalion, Capt. Wallace Myers to symbolize the start of his command. Myers is a former movement control officer with the 14th Trans Bn. Myers takes over for Capt. Joshua Hirsch. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

173d Support Bn changes leadership



Capt. Christopher Moberg, incoming commander of Bravo Company, 173d Support Battalion (Airborne), talks to the Soldiers in his company during the change of command ceremony held in Bravo Company’s motor pool Friday. Bravo Company is responsible for providing direct service of automotive, generator, welding, armament, communications, electronics, optics, and missile system repair to the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team. (Photo by Sgt. Brandon Aird, 173d ABCT Public Affairs)

Stolen Veterans Affairs laptop recovered

By Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 29, 2006 - The stolen Department of Veterans Affairs laptop computer and hard drive containing the personal information of more than 26 million veterans were turned in to the FBI June 28, the Veterans Affairs secretary said before Congress today.

Reports indicate that the FBI has made a preliminary determination that data contained on the computer and hard drive has not been accessed.

There have been no reports of identity theft or other criminal activity related to the stolen computer, R. James Nicholson told the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

He added that the VA would still honor its promise of free credit monitoring for a year.

An unnamed individual turned over the laptop and hard drive to FBI officials in Baltimore. No persons are in custody at this time, officials said.

The laptop and hard drive were stolen from the Montgomery County, Md., home of a VA employee on May 3. Government officials do not believe the data on the laptop was the target of the burglary, and consider the break-in a random theft.

“This has brought to the light of day some

real deficiencies in the manner we handled personal data,” Nicholson said. “If there’s a redeeming part of this, I think we can turn this around.”

As part of VA’s efforts to prevent such an incident from happening again, Nicholson previously announced:

- A series of personnel changes in the Office of Policy and Planning, where the breach occurred;
- The hiring of former Maricopa County (Ariz.) prosecutor Richard Romley as a Special Advisor for Information Security;
- The expedited completion of Cyber Security Awareness Training and Privacy Awareness Training for all VA employees;
- That an inventory be taken of all positions requiring access to sensitive VA data by June 30 to ensure that only those employees who need such access to do their jobs have it;
- That every laptop in VA undergo a security review to ensure that all security and virus software is current, including the immediate removal of any unauthorized information or software.

People who believe they may be affected by the data theft can go to www.firstgov.gov for details. VA continues to operate a call center to get information about this incident. The call center is open 8 a.m.-9 p.m. EDT at (800) 333-4636.

VES Sure Start program accepting applications

Vicenza Elementary School
Press Release

Vicenza Elementary School offers the Sure Start Preschool Program that is modeled after the Head Start program in the United States.

Sure Start is a full day, high-quality preschool for 4 year olds. It targets children who may potentially be “at risk” for not being ready for kindergarten the following year.

There is a mandatory parent education component that includes scheduled home visits, quarterly parent meetings and participation in the classroom. Applications are being accepted now for the school year 2006-07, and children must be 4 years old by Oct. 31.

The program is designed for children of sponsors ranking E4 and below, but anyone is welcome to fill out an application.

The Sure Start class size is limited to 16 children, but applications are taken all year

long. If the class is full, applicants are put into a “waiting pool” and when there is an opening, the child most qualified is selected by the steering committee.

Considerations for enrollment may include one or more of the following conditions:

- o Child will be 4 by Oct. 31
- o Sponsors rank is E4 or below
- o Child had a low birth weight, below 5.5 pounds
- o Child has parent/s whose primary language is not English
- o Parent/s were teenagers when the first child was born
- o Parent/s did not graduate from high school
- o Child lives in a single parent home
- o The child’s sponsor is currently deployed
- o The child has an older sibling with a disability
- o At home there are three or more children close in age

Visit the Vicenza Elementary School office for an application or call 634-7579 for details.

Passports required for Germany travel

USAREUR
Press Release

Germany is planning to re-impose border controls for the duration of the World Cup, according to Interior Minister Wolfgang Schäuble.

This means that Soldiers and other civilians traveling into Germany will have to show a passport at the German border.

In a statement, Schäuble said there is no concrete indication of a possible threat to the World Cup, but Germany wanted to do everything possible to assure the security of the games.

DOL activity closures for July 7

Directorate of Logistics
Press Release

In observance of the Directorate of Logistics Organizational Day on July 7, the following facilities will be closed:

- ◆ DOL Headquarters (bldg 66)
- ◆ POL Issue Facility (Self-serve only)
- ◆ Information Technology Support
- ◆ Drivers’ Testing
- ◆ Quartermaster Laundry
- ◆ Installation Property Book office

The following activities will be open July 7 but have limited staffing:

- ◆ Dining Facility
- ◆ Troop Issue Subsistence

- Activity
- ◆ DOL Customs
 - ◆ IMMA
 - ◆ Transportation Motor Pool Central Receiving Point
 - ◆ Hospital Shuttle
 - ◆ Mass Transit Service
 - ◆ Installation Transportation office
 - ◆ Supply Support Activity (Lerino)
 - ◆ Central Issue Facility (Lerino)
 - ◆ POV Inspection (on Call)
- Requirements for emergency logistical support July 7 will be directed to Steve Tavares, Directorate of Plans, Training, and Security, at 634-7378.
- Point of contact for this action is Michael Bethel, DOL director, at 634-6804 or civilian 0444-71-6804.

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Filing papers to cutting grass

Summer hires support Ederle work force, learn new skills

Story and photos by Jasmine Perry
Summer Hire
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Summer is a time to hang with your friends and to have fun. However, some would rather sacrifice some of their summer to work.

These teens have signed up for the Vicenza Summer Hire program, where teens get jobs to earn some cash.

This will help teens experience how to work hard for their money.

"The Summer Hire program is designed to provide young people an opportunity to gain meaningful job experience, prepare for future educational and career goals, and support the Army mission," said Gayle Richard, human resources specialist, Vicenza Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

The program also helps teach teens it takes hard work to make money. Participants must be between the ages of 14-22 years old, be family members of an active duty military member or a Department of Defense civilian, and a U.S. citizen. These youth work 40 hours every week and earn minimum wage, which is \$5.14 an hour.

The program kicked off the morning of June 26 with a swearing in ceremony held at the Vicenza Elementary School's cafeteria lead by the USAG Vicenza deputy garrison commander, Renee Citron.

Following the ceremony, participants were linked up with their new supervisors and headed off for their first day of work.

"Summer hire is very important to give young men and women the opportunity to get a taste of the real world and work force," said Marshall Fowler, South of the Alps Dining Facility manager. "The ultimate thing that we do through school and education is to prepare children to become part of the work force some day.

"The work force gives you an opportunity to communicate with people, work in different environments and gives you a feel on how to adjust," said Fowler, who has two summer

hire workers this year. "It's not your brother and sister you will be dealing with any more — it's other people. This program helps you learn how to work with other folks."

Unloading trucks, helping to retrieve supplies for the cooks and taking inventory are some of the tasks performed during their first week of work, according to Bruce Case, one of the dining facility's summer hire workers.

The dining facility is always busy from Monday to Friday, but the busiest time of day is the lunch hour, according to Fowler. The summer hires really help out.

"My 'like' is my supervisor, and my 'dislike' is the hours, because they are so long," said Jasmine Sims, a clerical summer hire for the Directorate of Public Works. "I file papers that she [the supervisor] needs me to file, I type what she needs me to type up, and we bond in the process."

DPW has employed 15 total summer hires this year, according to Brenda Bentley, who supervises the summer hires for DPW. There are seven clerical and eight labor workers.

"As you can see, this year the DPW is again putting these young people to work," said Bentley. "This is not only helping this directorate, but gives the teens an opportunity to learn different tasks and situations.

"Some [laborers] we have working outside on Caserma Ederle cutting grass, picking up trash and beautifying the whole post. They working in teams with our Italian workers," said Bentley. "Clerical staff is divided into different sections; some in the Housing Division, Environmental Division, Engineering Division, and our headquarters.

"They do every type of clerical and reception work, and hopefully they will all take something they learn back with them when they leave," said Bentley.

More Summer Hire information can be found at the Vicenza CPAC, located on Viale della Pace, or on their Web site www.chrma.hqusaureur.army.mil.



A summer hire files paperwork as part of her duties as one of 15 summer hires working for the Directorate of Public Works. The Summer Hire program began June 26 and runs through Aug. 4.



The 2006 Summer Hire personnel recite the oath of office during the ceremony June 26 kicking off their six weeks of work on post. (Photo by Kelli Covlin, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Far left: A summer hire fills out an inventory list as part of his duties working for the South of the Alps Dining Facility.

..... How the Summer Hire process works

From the Vicenza Civilian Personnel Advisory Center
Special to The Outlook

What was the process for selecting summer hires this year? Army Regulation 690-308, paragraph 12.a, stipulates that the Civilian Personnel Operations Center issues referral rosters to Civilian Personnel Advisory Centers for Appropriated Fund positions. Rosters distinguish between individuals **desiring clerical and laborer positions**. Names on each roster are separated by age groups: one group contains ages 16-22; the other ages 14-15. Youth ages 14-15 are placed only when the list of older applicants has been exhausted.

2. Is it by lottery? The "lottery" criteria

was based on the aforementioned regulation; applicant names on each roster were separated by age groups listed above. Rosters distinguish between individuals desiring clerical and laborer positions. Again, youth ages 14-15 were placed only when the list of older applicants had been exhausted.

Applications were sorted in order of date of birth, as well as type of position. As the Vicenza program was comprised primarily of laborer positions and those were the only positions available after the initial placement of all the 16 and older students.

3. How did civilian personnel advertise the program? The Summer Hire Program was advertised through various sources; the Civilian Human Resource Agency, Europe Web site, advertised in *The Outlook*,

flyers posted throughout Vicenza and Livorno garrisons, announcements at DoDDS schools, Army Community Service and Teen Center, and AFN commercials.

4. Can offices request a specific student? If so, does that mean that person is guaranteed a spot in front of another individual? Regulation 690-308, paragraph 12.f, allows managers to request SH applicants by name who worked in the organization previously, and who are eligible to be rehired. Name-requested applicants within the 16 and older group were placed first, then the name requests within 14-15 year-old group.

5. How many youths applied for summer hire? There were 111 applicants. Not everyone who applied was eligible for the

summer hire program. For example, students who were dual citizens and did not meet the requirements of the NATO/SOFA Agreement were eliminated.

6. How many youths actually got jobs? We placed 67 eligible applicants at Vicenza and Livorno.

7. How does this year's summer hire differ from last year's? Unfortunately, this year there were a limited number of available positions due to funding restrictions, which didn't allow the placement of all the students. Also, the procedure used was slightly different due to the change in the AE Regulation 690-308, which came into effect May 23, 2006. The regulation used last year was based on AE 690-308 dated April 29, 2004.



By Susanne Bartsch

U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr

Photos by Maj. David Schwab

Baumholder High School JROTC director

June 18-28 found Grafenwoehr Training Area taken over by 122 Junior ROTC cadets from the U.S. and Britain for the USAREUR and DoDDS Junior ROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge.

Accompanied by a cadre of 25 active duty and reserve Soldiers, the cadets spent a week at Camp Aachen challenging themselves and their fellow cadets. Events included drownproofing, canoeing down the Wiesent river, and tackling the ropes course near Tannesberg, Germany.

At the ropes course, the cadets enjoyed a day at 10 meters

above the ground as they faced their fear of heights on the pamper pole, the wall, several bridges, and a large swing.

Again, team work and support was paramount to get each cadet over each obstacle.

"The American cadets learn different drills than the British cadets, so in the end they both ended teaching each other how to do it their way," said British cadet Ross David Howard. "It was all about working together. We had our ups and downs, but in the end in the we were a team and we linked."

The canoeing posed different challenges. Among them were staying safely in the canoe, not getting wet and avoiding all the trees and rocks alongside and in the river.

One of the highlights of summer camp was a visit with the German Army's 5th Company, 112th Mechanized Infantry Battalion.

For the first time in eight years, a unit of the German Army participated in camp showing off their Marder Fighting Vehicle and their tank recovery vehicle. The youth enjoyed a hands-on look at the equipment and briefings from the German soldiers.

At the Leaders' Reaction Course, squads were presented with missions to accomplish, such as, crossing a simulated destroyed bridge with all your equipment, using only the items provided and not touching a simulated mine field. The object was for the team to cooperate to determine a solution and for the leader to take charge of the group to ensure success of the mission.

But it didn't always happen that way: Sometimes a hard-charging cadet would insist on his way, and a novice leader would give up command. That's all part of the experience of attending camp and learning how to work as a team. The cadets rotated leadership positions with each task.

Each task was under the supervision of a member of the cadre, who briefed the team on how well they accomplished, or failed to accomplish, the mission.

At the obstacle course, the cadets were given a briefing and a walk-through, then each squad did a practice run. Each obstacle was manned by a member of the cadre, who ensured safety precautions were maintained, and gave instructions for that particular obstacle. When it was all over, the cadets ran the course for time for bragging rights.

But only one group had a challenge all their own: The



Top: Junior ROTC cadets canoe down the Wiesent river in Germany. Above: A JROTC cadets learns how to drownproof. At left: A JROTC cadets gives his fellow cadet a boost up the wall at the ropes course at Tannesberg, Germany.



British Army Cadet Force students had to get from Bristol, England, to Grafenwoehr, Germany.

"There are no direct flights from the local Bristol airport to Munich, just expensive casual flights," said Lt. Col. Martin Scott Jr., Bristol Army Cadet Force deputy commandant. "The cheaper alternative was to fly to Venice on Easy Jet, but the British cadets had to pay for their own flight."

Fortunately for the cadets, they made their flight arrangements early enough to qualify for budget airfares.

Upon their arrival at the airport, they were picked up by Maj. George Smailes, Vicenza High School JROTC director. The cadets were then taken to their respective host families.

"I was quite skeptical about going because I didn't know if I was going to have fun; but then we met up with the British cadets and I made some good friends," said Jesalyn Draper, VHS JROTC cadet.

"The camp was fun. The hardest part was getting up early in the morning, but you get use to it, and I even kind of miss it already," she said.

"Getting up at 5:30 in the morning was a challenge," agreed British cadet, Samantha Marcinak. "I had fun – especially doing the obstacle courses, rope climbing and canoeing."

Camp ended with a parade and awards ceremony at the Grafenwoehr Field House where the cadets were recognized for their motivation, spirit and physical prowess as well as their overall leadership abilities.

Awards were presented by the ceremony's keynote speaker, Gen. William "Kip" Ward, EUCOM deputy commanding general.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Events in the Veneto area

The antique markets listed below take place every second Sunday of the month. Find the following markets taking place July 9:

Vicenza taking place in the main squares downtown from 9 a.m.-sundown.

Rosa on Viale dei Tigli.
Villafranca from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Roana in Piazzale Vecchia Ferrovia.

Montegrotto Terme in the city center.

Note: The Asolo market is suspended in July and August.

July 6: In Vicenza's Piazza dei Signori enjoy free music by Verdi, Puccini, Rossini and Mascagni played and sung by the Orchestra and Chorus of Vicenza directed by Giuliano Fracasso.

Upcoming concerts in the same square include:

July 7: Italian singer Carmen Consoli.

July 17: Italian singer Riccardo Cocciante.

July 19: Hear the 'King of Soul' James Brown.

During these concerts the downtown main square will be closed to the public from 7:30 p.m. and entrance to performances will be through the road Contra del Monte. The concerts begin at 9 p.m.

The group 'Pooh' will hold a concert on Mount Berico July 21.

The Mount Berico square will close at 6 p.m. and the concert begins at 9 p.m.

July 6-10: Cornedo Vicentino, 26 km from Vicenza, will hold their town festival that includes a sample fair with more than 100 vendors, food stands, folklore events and music.

July 8-9 the fair will be open from 4 p.m.-midnight. Entrance into the sample fair is 2 euro.

July 7-9: The beach community of Chioggia, located southeast of Padova, is holding its 69th Fish Festival in the town center. Enjoy fried squid, sardines, scrimp and other small fish.

July 15: The main square in Marostica will feature a fashion show at 9 p.m. Entrance is free.

Concerts in Villas

The 25th Concert in Villas festivals in the Veneto region takes place June 24-July 22:

July 15: Rosa – music by Bach, Verdi, Puccini, Gershwin, Count Basie and others

July 22: Montecchio Maggiore – 'On the Wings of a Butterfly' played by the Pesaro Symphonic Orchestra with the Trevigiana chorus 'Voci del Piave.'

All performances start at 9 p.m. Tickets available from Vicenza.Com Village, 67 Corso Palladio downtown and cost 12 euro for adults, 8 euro for youth ages 13-25, children under 12 free.

As all of the concerts are held outdoors, take mosquito repellent.

Butterflies and creepy-crawlies

After making it possible to see butterflies as they fly freely through a specially designed space, now giant beetles, scorpions and caterpillars, the largest in the world,

and all originally from the tropics, are waiting to meet visitors.

This original attraction, proposed by the Butterfly Arc center of Montegrotto Terme, province of Padova, has created a section for arthropods in its unique zoo.

In fact, specialized personnel are on hand to provide an opportunity to become acquainted with the arthropods by interacting with them.

The Butterfly Arc houses a total of 200 specimens of arthropods, including a scorpion that weighs half a kilo, scarabs, dung beetles (which are sacred in Africa) caterpillars, orchid preying mantises, and "amblipigi" (which look like spiders, but are not), all chosen from among the largest specimens in the world.

Butterfly Arc is open every day: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Entrance fee: adults 7 euro, children 4-12 years of age 5 euro.

Directions to Montegrotto Terme: Take the autostrada A4 east, exit at Padova ovest and follow signs for Terme Euganee.

Miniature Italy

Over an area of over 85,000 sq. mt., upon which the profile of the Italian peninsula is carved - obviously scaled down - stands Miniature Italy.

With more than 272 perfect miniatures, surrounded by flowers, grass and bonsai trees, and equipped with moving miniature trains, motorways, cable cars, ships, ports and airports.

Painstaking work went into St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, it took six people six months to build; the Coliseum in Rome four people four months, Piazza dei Miracoli (Pisa) four people six month and Milan's Duomo: more than 6,000 working hours.

In addition, "across the border" lies a miniature Europe, with games and exclusive attractions.

Also inside the park find other attractions to include rides, a science fair, bars, picnic areas, a pizzeria, and an information office.

Miniature Italia is located in the town of Viserba, located near Rimini.

Take the autostrada A4 east, then the A13 south toward Bologna, then the A14 toward Ancona, exit the autostrada at Rimini nord.

Miniature Italia is open every day from 9 a.m.-midnight.

A tour round the park will take at least two hours. Cost: adults 16 euro; children under 12 years of age: 12 euro; and children under one meter: free.

Ticket price includes entrance to other attractions.

For more information visit the Web site: www.italiainminiatura.it.

da Vinci exhibition

Leonardo da Vinci has landed in Venice. The display at the deconsecrated church of San Stae shows about 30 of the artist-inventor's ideas for machines and devices, reproduced in metal, fabric and wood.

The copies were made following

codes and notes that Leonardo himself left behind.

Among the items on display, some made to scale and some life-sized is the Ponte di Leonardo, Leonardo's Bridge.

There are also attention-getting flying machines and military devices reproduced with maniacal precision.

The church in which the exhibit is being held was built in the 17th century and holds paintings by Camerata, Tiepolo, Piazzetta, Ricci and others.

The exhibit is open every day from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. until Nov. 30.

Entrance fees: adults 6 euro, and children 4 euro.

Directions: After arriving at Venice by train or car take the waterbus # 1, after three stops get off and find the ex-church were the exhibition is being held.

Sand sculptures

The IX International Festival of 'Sand Sculptures 2006' takes place this year at Jesolo Lido in Piazza Brescia through July 23. This year's subject is 'Africa.'

This features sand sculptures of remarkable dimensions built by artists from all over the world.

The works are built inside an outdoor pavilion where you can also see a photographic exhibition about past editions.

Opening hours are every day from 9 a.m.- 11 p.m.

Antique ceramics

In one of the rooms in the archaeological museum in Verona, there is a temporary display of antique ceramics – some of which date back to the 4th century B.C. produced in Greece and in the south of Italy.

Normally these objects are stored in the museums deposit and for the most part never shown in public.

The museum located in the Romano Teatro on the street Regaste Redentore was once the monastery of St. Jerome founded in the 15th century.

Other items on display are frescoes, mosaics, sculptures, bronzes, and glass from Verona's Roman past.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. The entrance fee is 3 Euro. The antique ceramics will be on display until Oct. 1.

Pinocchio's Park

In the town of Collodi you'll find 'The Park of Pinocchio.' This park, which is far from being a traditional amusement park, is a creation of artistic works by many Italian artists.

Among things to see is the 'Square of Mosaics' which tells the story of the main episodes of the children's tale with vivid originality.

The Village of Pinocchio is the starting point with a paved path bordered by the figures from the story.

The park is open: 8:30 a.m.-sundown every day. Entrance fees are: adults 10 euro, and children ages 3-14 pay 7 euro.

Collodi is located 15 kms from Lucca, 32km from Pisa and 60km from Firenze and Livorno.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater		
July 4	CLOSED	
July 5	Scary Movie 4 (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 6	Madagascar (G)	4:30 p.m.
	The Wild (G)	7 p.m.
July 7	Poseidon (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Silent Hill (R)	9:45 p.m.
July 8	Over the Hedge (PG13)	4 p.m.
	Silent Hill (R)	7 p.m.
July 9	Over the Hedge (G)	4 p.m.
	Poseidon (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 10	CLOSED	
July 11	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater		
<i>Beginning in June, Camp Darby will also air movies on Thursdays.</i>		
July 6	Mission Impossible 3 (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 7	Silent Hill (R)	6 p.m.
July 8	American Dreamz (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 9	Akeelah and the Bee (PG)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis	
SCARY MOVIE 4 - <i>Molly Shannon, Anna Faris.</i> The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of "War of the Worlds," "The Grudge," "The Village," "Saw" and "Saw II," "Million Dollar Baby" and much more.	
OVER THE HEDGE - <i>Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling.</i> Spring has sprung, and Verne and his woodland friends awaken from their long winter's nap to discover that a tall, green "thing" has mysteriously cropped up right through the middle of their home. Enter RJ, an opportunistic raccoon, who explains that the world beyond the hedge is the "gateway to the good life" where peculiar creatures called humans live to eat, rather than eat to live.	
POSEIDON - <i>Kurt Russell, Richard Dreyfuss.</i> When a rogue wave capsizes a luxury cruise ship in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean, a small group of survivors find themselves unlikely allies in a battle for their lives. Preferring to test the odds alone, career gambler John Dylan ignores captain's orders to wait below for possible rescue and sets out to find his own way to safety.	
AMERICAN DREAMZ - <i>Hugh Grant, Dennis Quaid.</i> On the morning of his re-election, the president decides to read the newspaper for the first time in four years. This sends him into a downward spiral He begins reading obsessively, reexamining his black and white view of the world, holing up in his bedroom in his pajamas. Frightened by the president's apparent nervous breakdown, his chief of staff pushes him back into the spotlight, booking him as a guest judge on the television ratings juggernaut.	
SILENT HILL - <i>Radha Mitchell, Sean Bean.</i> When the doctor of a troubled young girl recommends permanent psychiatric institutionalization and the girl's concerned mother refuses to accept the grim diagnosis, the mother and daughter flee to a strange abandoned town to seek out answers. Sharon is a very sick child, yet rather than seeing her child suffer the cruel indignities of the medical profession, Rose ignores her husband's pleas and absconds with her ailing daughter to the fog-enshrouded town of Silent Hill.	
THE WILD - <i>Kiefer Sutherland, Eddie Izzard.</i> In this computer-animated comedy-adventure, an assortment of animals from the New York Zoo - including a lion, a giraffe, an anaconda, a koala, and a squirrel - discover what a jungle the city can be when one of their own is mistakenly shipped to the wild and they embark on a dangerous mission to rescue him.	

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Boot & Shoe Museum

In the town of Montebelluna, province of Treviso, you can find the world's only Boot and Sports Footwear Museum. The museum traces the evolution of boot and sports shoe-making with a specific look at the role played by the town.

All items on exhibit are well-marked with explanations often in English and German.

Housed in Villa Zuccareda Binetti, the visit to this museum would almost be worthwhile just to see this once elegant and still noble three-story villa.

Also a worthy note about the area is that the firms in and round Montebelluna have made the area the center of the world's boot production. About 80 percent of the worlds motorcycle boots, 75 percent of ski boots, 65 percent of after-ski boots and 50 percent of snowboard boots are manufactured there.

Open Tuesday-Sunday 9 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m. Entrance fees: adults 3 euro, and children younger than 14 pay 1.50 euro.

Directions: Once in Montebelluna, signs clearly indicate the way to Villa Zuccareda Binetti.

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Nove, a town located less than 20 miles from Vicenza, is renowned for fine ceramic production.

The first firm, which started to produce ceramic items, was created in 1727 by *Giovanni Battista Antonibon*, from whom some traditional pieces are still on display in some museums. Such as the one located in the square of Nove, the *Museo della Ceramica* and the one located in Bassano del Grappa at *Palazzo Sturm*.

Since the XVIII century, which is considered the golden age of Nove's ceramics, many moulds, clay treatments and decorative styles have developed. Mostly however, the tradition passes from father to son/daughter and the handmade manufactured articles that go from classical to modern styles.

Each company offers different peculiarities, a variety of subjects from religious items to lamps to dinnerware. At times, the company also offers the possibility to customize some articles such as jugs, dishes or plaques.

The stores range in size from mass production to family places.

Price and payment is in euro. Some stores do accept credit cards.

Getting to Nove from post

Exit out the Aldo Moro gate and take the left before the intersection (You'll be going back onto Aldo Moro). When you enter the traffic circle (prison is on the left), take the first right in circle onto Bertolina. Take the next left onto Ospedaletto. Follow to stop sign - go left. At the yield sign turn right onto SS53. Go under the autostrada and take the first left at the Bolzano sign. Follow to Nove and watch for signs.



ceramic in Nove



Above: Guglielmo Dalla Gassa, who started *Larry's* factory in Nove, hand decorates a pitcher. Dalla Gassa's son, Larry, and his daughters, Susy, Ketty and Genny continue the family's tradition.



1) Ancora

8:30 a.m.-12:30 and 2-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings from 8-12:30)
Ceramic dishes, vases, holiday dishes and fruit baskets.

2) Bortoli Igino

8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings) Call before going at 0424-592-739.
(Italian spoken)
Ceramic dolls, flowers, masks and clown masks, small pins, pictures and pins.

3) Casa Del Peltro - Pewter

8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday
Pewter, figurines, clocks, silver lamps, tea/coffee sets and frames.

4) Larry S.K.G. (visited by *The Outlook*)

8:00 a.m.-noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings from 8-1 p.m.)
Personalized front door name plaque, personalized pictures, cups and baby plaques.

5) Bonato's

8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings)
Ceramic dishes, vases, pitchers and animals.

6) 4 Emme sas

8 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings from 8:30-noon)
Fabric shades for lamps.

7) Maer

8 a.m. - noon and 2 - 6 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings from 8-noon)
Ceramic dishes. Family store.

8) Devis

8 a.m.-noon and 1:30-6 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings from 8-2 p.m.)
Ceramic flowers, vases, lamps (birds, flowers, angels, etc.), mirror, and fruit baskets.

9) Carraro Vittorio Ceramiche

8:30 a.m.-noon and 3:30-7:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday
Ceramic animals and lamps; fountains and tables.

10) Sante Alessi

9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m., Monday-Saturday
Handmade flowers arrangements, roses, garlic/onion/potato head jars, statues, masks and hat pins, ceramic fruit and vegetables.

11) VBC Ceramiche

8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings from 8-2 p.m.)
Ceramic dishes, platters, vases and a large variety of trivets.

12) Pizzato

8 a.m.-noon and 1:30-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings from 8-noon)
Ceramic dishes.

13) Pigato

8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (open Saturday mornings)
Ceramic dishes, apple baskets, lamps, and special orders for dishes.

14) Gianni Tosin

8 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Saturday
Ceramic whistles, bird cages, nativities.

15) Alessi Lamp Factory

8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday
Ceramic Lamps. Enter through the front office and go to the back.
There are all types and colors of lamps.

(Note that mostly the stores close for lunch between noon and 2 p.m. Some store information was provided from the VMSCC American Shopper's Guide)



Above: Personalized pitchers on display in one of the shelves at the *Larry's* factory, one of the ceramic factories located in Nove. The pitcher's cost varies from 8 euro for one-liter size to 10 euro for two-liter size.

Left: Marilisa Daldin adds details to a porcelain Madonna. She has been working for the past eight years at *Larry's*.

Below: Dalla Gassa holds one of the hundreds of personalized front door plaques created by his factory. According to him, it is a popular souvenir from Nove for Americans.

